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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of August 16, 2002. The extended deadline is Feb. 16, 2003 which is a Sunday, followed by a National Holiday on Feb. 17, 2003 and followed by a snow emergency with closure of the Patent and Trademark Office on Tuesday Feb. 18, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$930.00 in payment of the government fee for a threemonth extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

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